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1. Type: Infantry Bereitschaft.

2. Quarters: Cantonment north of Dessau (M 52/E 17), on the road to Grosskuehneu (M 52/E 07).

3. Strength: About 80 officers and 1,100 police.

4. Organization: One Sonderkommando and four Kommandos. The 4th Kommando was moved from Brandenburg (N 53/E 25) to the Dessau Bereitschaft.

5. Personnel: Polizeirat Kuehne, CO of Bereitschaft, former German Army officer.

6. Armament: Oberpolizeirat Geiling, PK-Leiter. Polizeirat Goshkov, Soviet instructor. Kommissar Eins, Einsatzleiter (operations officer).

7. Equipment: Five hundred to six hundred carbines, model 98 K. Two hundred light machine guns, model 08/34. Pistols, model 08. Submachine guns. One 80-mm mortar. Twenty heavy machine guns, model 08/15.

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7. Motor vehicles: Three or four trucks.  
Three or four passenger cars.  
Three motorcycles.

8. Training: Infantry training; (the Sonder-kommando received theoretical engineer training). Construction of obstacles and wire entanglements and laying of mines.

9. Miscellaneous: About 350 police are members of the SED (Socialist Unity Party); about 90 percent (99 percent of the Sonder-kommando) belong to the FDJ (Free German Youth).

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